

Overview: Purpose and Need

The **PURPOSE** of the Bay Crossing Study Tier 1 NEPA is to consider alternatives for providing additional capacity and access across the Chesapeake Bay in order to improve mobility, travel reliability and safety at the existing Governor William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge.

The project **NEEDS** include:

- adequate capacity
- dependable and reliable travel times
- flexibility to support maintenance and incident management

As part of the study, the MDTA will also consider:

- financial viability
- environmental considerations